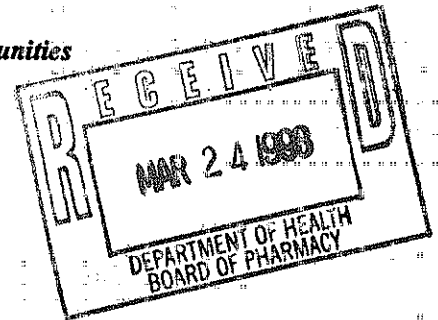


STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
AND DISCIPLINE

In the matter of:
Hugo H. Halo, M.D.

No. C95-150

CONSENT ORDER

In November of 1995, a complaint was filed with the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as "Board") charging Hugo H. Halo, M.D., Respondent, with violations of Section 5-37-5.1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended (1995 Reenactment). The complaint alleged boundary violations which occurred more than 25 years ago. A complaint alleging the same facts had previously been filed with the Rhode Island Psychiatric Society. The Society found Dr. Halo guilty of unethical conduct. Dr. Halo's membership in the society was suspended for two years for violating Section 1, Annotation 1, and Section 2, Annotations 1 and 2, of the Principals of Medical Ethics with Annotations Especially Applicable to Psychiatry.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline finds that The Rhode Island Psychiatric Society's decision is grounds to find the Respondent guilty of "unprofessional conduct" in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §5-37-5.1(21) for disciplinary action taken relating to membership in a professional society for acts which would constitute "unprofessional conduct" under §5-37-5.1.

The parties agree as follows:

(1) The Respondent is a physician licensed by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island, allopathic license No. 3918.

(2) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.

(3) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands it is a proposal of Investigating Committee II of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This consent order is not binding on the Respondent until final ratification by the Board.

(4) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;

b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;

c. The right to cross examine witnesses;

d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the

Board;

e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;

f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;

g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;

h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order.

i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order.

(5) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board. It shall be published as the Board, in its exercise of its discretion, shall determine.

(6) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.

(7) Respondent accepts the Board's sanction.

(8) The Respondent's license to practice medicine is suspended for two years and shall run concurrent with the suspension from the Rhode Island Psychiatric Society. The

suspension shall be Stayed and the Respondent may continue to practice under the terms outlined below.

(9) For a period of two years the Respondent shall not see or treat any female patient in his office without another person present and that person shall sign the office record of such visit as a statement of his or her presence during such visit without notice. Respondent shall notify each patient that files are subject to the Board's inspection. Each patient must give consent to this inspection in writing.

(10) Respondent shall contract with a mental health professional acceptable to the Board in consultation with the Physician's Health Committee of the Rhode Island Medical Society.

(11) Any violation of these terms and conditions of the contract shall subject the Respondent to a suspension of his license to practice medicine for two years of the Stayed suspension.

(12) The Respondent shall pay an administrative fee of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars within three months of the ratification of this agreement.

Signed this 10th day of March 1998.

Hugo H. Halo, M.D.
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Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at
a meeting held on *March 11* 1998.

Patricia A. Nolan, MD, MPH
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Chairperson
Board of Medical Licensure and
Discipline